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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 154.1 Purpose.

(a) To establish policies and procedures to ensure that acceptance and retention of personnel in the Armed Forces, acceptance and retention of civilian employees in the Department of Defense (DoD), and granting members of the Armed Forces, DoD civilian employees, DoD contractors, and other affiliated persons access to classified information are clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

(b) This part: (1) Establishes DoD personnel security policies and procedures;

(2) Sets forth the standards, criteria and guidelines upon which personnel security determinations shall be based;

(3) Prescribes the kinds and scopes of personnel security investigations required;

(4) Details the evaluation and adverse action procedures by which personnel security determinations shall be made; and

(5) Assigns overall program management responsibilities.

§ 154.2 Applicability.

(a) This part implements the Department of Defense Personnel Security Program and takes precedence over all other departmental issuances affecting that program.

(b) All provisions of this part apply to DoD civilian personnel, members of the Armed Forces, excluding the Coast Guard in peacetime, contractor personnel and other personnel who are affiliated with the Department of Defense except that the unfavorable administrative action procedures pertaining to contractor personnel requir-

ing access to classified information are contained in DoD 5220.22–R and in 32 CFR part 155.

(c) The policies and procedures which govern the National Security Agency are prescribed by Public Laws 88–290 and 86–36, Executive Orders 10450 and 12333, DoD Directive 5210.45¹, Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 1/14² and regulations of the National Security Agency.

(d) Under combat conditions or other military exigencies, an authority in paragraph A, Appendix E, may waive such provisions of this part as the circumstances warrant.

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§ 154.3 Definitions.

(a) *Access*. The ability and opportunity to obtain knowledge of classified information. An individual, in fact, may have access to classified information by being in a place where such information is kept, if the security measures that are in force do not prevent him from gaining knowledge of such information.

(b) *Adverse action*. A removal from employment, suspension from employment of more than 14 days, reduction in grade, reduction in pay, or furlough of 30 days or less.

(c) *Background Investigation (BI)*. A personnel security investigation consisting of both record reviews and interviews with sources of information as prescribed in paragraph 3, Appendix A, this part, covering the most recent 5 years of an individual's life or since the 18th birthday, whichever is shorter, provided that at least the last 2 years are covered and that no investigation will be conducted prior to an individual's 16th birthday.

(d) *Classified information*. Official information or material that requires protection in the interests of national security and that is classified for such

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²Copies may be obtained, if needed from Central Intelligence Agency (CCISCS/ICS), 1225 Ames Building, Washington, DC 20505.